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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

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January 25, 1933.

Due to the limited funds available for paper, no number of the Newsletter has been issued since vol. 2, no. 5 for May, 1932.

Although it can hardly be news to any one now, as a matter of record it must be set down here that the main Library was moved last summer from the now defunct Bieber Building to the new South Building, where it now has commodious and pleasant quarters as far as offices are concerned. The fly in the ointment, however, is that the new stacks, for which the small building in the court was erected, were not supplied by the time it was necessary to move and indeed have not yet been, nor have bids yet been requested. This was not due to any negligence on the part of the Library whose plans for the stacks were submitted a year ago last fall. The principal cause of delay now is a question about the air conditioning system to be used. The Treasury Department has advocated a system by which the air will be carried in overhead ducts but the building has been so designed that the two bottom decks are very low and there is not room for overhead ducts without having them come perilously low, so that a very tall man would not be able to walk under them. It is hoped that the Treasury Department will consent to a system of vertical ducts, even though it may be more expensive.

Since the stacks were not available at the time of the moving, the books had to be placed on temporary shelving in the rooms bordering both corridors, which arrangement makes long distances to walk to reach them. Some of the rooms are actually on C Street.

The moving was accomplished in about a month, from June 24 to July 23. The staff cooperated most heartily in the work and the moving contractors were both efficient and willing to adapt themselves to the Library's needs so that, while it was trying, the work was not as bad as had been feared. The young men on the staff, who were naturally called on for much of the hard physical work, took off their coats and spent their time with the movers' men in seeing that the books were packed in the boxes and placed on the new shelves in order. The shops, at short notice and by overtime work, had the temporary wooden shelves ready for the books to be moved on to as needed. All the old wooden shelving and the Snead shelving from the old library were brought over but the bracket shelving which had been in use so long and is so troublesome to erect, was discarded.

Some of the books are in the basement. Word was received about three weeks ago that three ranges must be removed from the corner room because the corner of the building was to be torn out. This work, as is quite evident, is going on now and the roar of falling bricks is a constant accompaniment of present day work as is the noise of riveting from the new sections of the South Building which are going up. Just as much dirt also has to be contended with as in the old building. It is hoped it will be different when the buildings are finished.

There are now in the South Building three of the bureau libraries besides the main Library - the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on the third floor, the Office of Experiment Stations on the fifth floor, and the Bureau of Home Economics on the sixth floor. The library of the Bureau of Plant Industry had expected to be moved to and settled in the South Building by this time but the rooms at the northwest corner which were assigned to it are at present being torn up preparatory to being connected with the next unit of the building now being erected. Miss Warner has moved into permanent quarters in Room 1064, South Building. However, she is not able to spend very much time in her office because of the noise of the drills on that side of the building.

The Library both before and since the move has been acquiring much needed equipment and it is beginning to look quite dignified. Some new Globe-Ternicke card cabinets have been purchased and some old Library Bureau sectional cases have recently been rehabilitated for the much needed expansion of the general catalogue. The task of spreading out the catalogue is next in order. The botany catalogue of the Bureau of Plant Industry has already been expanded and shifted into several new cases and now occupies a much larger space in the Public Catalogue room. Miss Atwood says that her catalogue is much easier to use since its expansion.

The stacks building just at present is in temporary use for the setting up of exhibits which are to go later to the Chicago Fair. It is an admirable place for the purpose but the hammering which is necessary in the construction of the exhibits does not add to the quiet of the Library.

Due to the limited amount allotted to the Library for all kinds of paper during this fiscal year - \$40.00 - it has unfortunately been necessary to discontinue the publication of Agricultural Library Notes with the June-October issue. It is hoped that a larger amount may be allotted to the Library next year and that we may then resume the publication of this series.

The American Library Association has asked the Library staff of the Department to renew its contributing membership, the dues for which are \$25.00 a year. Thus far the contributions from members of the staff total only \$15.50. Contributions will be gratefully received from any members who have not yet given and who may care to do so.

The University of Chicago will offer three fellowships of \$1500 each for the academic year 1933-1934 in its Graduate Library School. The fellowships are awarded by the President on the recommendation of the Committee on Fellowships and Scholarships. Applications must be in the hands of the Committee on or before March 1, 1933. An announcement regarding the fellowships will be placed on the Library bulletin board.

Miss Barnett, Chairman of the Oberly Memorial Fund Committee, is much gratified that twelve bibliographies have been submitted in competition for the fifth prize. Of this number, eight were submitted by assistants in the Department. The prize will probably not be awarded for six weeks or two months, as it will take considerable time for the various members of the Committee to make their decisions.

The following bibliographies have been issued by the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics since the last staff meeting in May, 1932:

Bibliography on the marketing of agricultural products. (Supplementary to Miscellaneous Circular no. 35) Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw and Esther M. Colvin. (U. S. Department of Agriculture Miscellaneous Publication no. 150)

Agricultural Economics Bibliography:

No. 37. Advantages and disadvantages of country life.

No. 38. List of state official serial publications containing material on agricultural economics.

No. 39. Greece; a guide to official statistics of agriculture, population and food supply.

Measures taken by foreign countries to relieve agricultural indebtedness. Mimeographed. (Not in series)

Typewritten bibliographies: The American farm problem; Cotton list of publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Factors affecting hog prices; Public markets; Roadside markets; Types of farming; Proposed acreage reduction for 1932 in various states; The use of barter and scrip; Government economy; The domestic allotment plan.

The library staff of the Department has suffered a great loss in the death of Miss Helen E. Stockbridge on December 20, 1932, after a short illness. She had been librarian of the Forest Service for many years. She is greatly missed both by the Forest Service and by the staff of the main library and the bureau libraries. Due, it is believed, to a certain shyness, she seldom came to the staff meetings and almost never visited other libraries. Therefore she was not known by sight to many of the staff, especially the younger ones but we all knew her quick, efficient, and definite help when appealed to and her hearty cooperation. The index of forestry literature which she built up is a monument to her efficiency and devoted service to the Forest Service.

The main Library has had two resignations from its staff this fall. Richard D. Wellman, a messenger, left for meat inspection work, and Miss Leda Wadsworth, the efficient typist and assistant in the Catalogue Division, was obliged to go home on account of her health. Their places have not yet been filled, although permission to fill them has been granted.

Dr. Albert Hassall, Assistant Chief of the Zoological Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, who was appointed to the Division in 1897, was retired July 1, 1932. He was joint author of Stiles and Hassall's Index-Catalogue of Medical and Veterinary Zoology, and he and Miss Margie Potter were working on a revision and continuation of the Index-Catalogue. Dr. Hassall still comes to the Department two days a week to advise and assist Miss Potter who is carrying on the work. The first installment, Part I, Authors: AALL to AZZOLINA, was published in September.

At the meeting of the Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia regional group of cataloguers and classifiers on December 3, Miss Katharine Jacobs, of the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing two years.

On January 18, 1933, Mr. Eric Englund, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, talked on agricultural indebtedness at the staff meeting of the library of the Bureau.

Miss Barbro Hallendorff of the Handelskögskolan, Stockholm, Sweden, spent several days last week in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, studying methods, files, etc. Miss Hallendorff, who was introduced by a letter from Dr. Jonasson, has been in this country for some time, spending most of her time at the Library of Congress.

Dr. George Bachman of the School of Tropical Medicine of Porto Rico, was a recent visitor to the Zoological Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and spent some time in using the index catalogue.

Dr. Persic of the School of Hygiene of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, was a visitor to the Bureau of Animal Industry for a few weeks last summer. It is through him that the Office of Experiment Stations is receiving regularly current numbers of the Veterinarski Arhiv, published in Zagreb, in exchange for the Experiment Station Record, and the Bureau of Animal Industry also is receiving a copy.

Recent visitors to the main library from foreign countries were Mr. Harold Miller, Librarian of the University College, Wellington, New Zealand, Mr. A.D. McIntosh of the Parliamentary Library of New Zealand, and Prof. Marius Barbeau of the National Museum of Canada.

An appeal: On account of the extra work in connection with the moving of the Library, the binding work is in arrears. If in this emergency any of the bureau or division libraries are in a position to help in the collation of material their assistance will be greatly appreciated. - C. R. Barnett.

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Roll Call

Now should we librarians grave
Throw off our masks, and misbehave
Just for a little while, and chatter,
Should we indulge in nonsense verse,
Of English bad, and meter worse,
And foolish quips and senseless patter,-
What would it matter?

And if we should here essay
To call the roll in a queerish way,
Sacrificing sense to rhyme,-
Would that be so great a crime?

Had we them, we'd introduce all tyros.
But now, as are called the groups and bureaus,
Will they please arise as we tell of the work
Of which they're guilty, and never shirk.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The Staff Economic that gets from the press
Numerous books on our growing distress;
We hope - and it may be that this is digression -
For a book that will tell how to end the depression.

Bureau of Agricultural Engineering

And here is the "staff" who keeps the files
Of books that tell of the change of styles
In farm machines, from the Indians' stick
To the newest combine, a modern "trick."

Bureau of Animal Industry

For books on horses and mules and swine,
On woolly sheep and "lowing kine"
And all their ills and the "bugs that bite 'em",
These answer your quests, and indeed invite 'em.

Bureau of Chemistry and Soils

This staff has under its jurisdiction
Books of the chemists - mostly non-fiction -
Books of ponderous learning and weight
With data that changes with the date.

Bureau of Dairy Industry

'Tis the work of this group to supervise
A ver'table dairyman's paradise,
With books on cows and milk and churning,
Cheese and ice cream and all such learning.

Bureau of Entomology

Custodians of the books on bugs,
Those nasty beetles, grubs, and slugs.
Are their names - of scientists' brewing -
A punishment for their misdoing?

Bee Laboratory

Not so the little busy bee
That "improves the shining hour"
Gathers honey from blossoming trees
And pollinates the flower.

Office of Experiment Stations

Of experiment and extension lore
These are the folks who keep the score;
They carry the gist to the E. S. R.*
That scatters its millings a-near and afar.
(*E. S. R. is Experiment Station Record)

Forest Service

It is a happy lot to be
Keeper of books, on the tree,
On wooded park, and forest trail,
And cool retreat, and pleasant vale.

Bureau of Home Economics

And these are they who file the book
That tells us how and what to cook
And how to budget, and all such learning,
To keep the home fires brightly burning.

Bureau of Plant Industry

This staff presides o'er the stores of treasure
Of books on plants for food and pleasure.
They list the names of those who write them,
And, too, the pests of the plants that blight them.

CHAPTER I

The first part of the book is devoted to a general survey of the subject, and to a discussion of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe.

CHAPTER II

The second part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe, and to a discussion of the evidence in support of each of them.

CHAPTER III

The third part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe, and to a discussion of the evidence in support of each of them.

CHAPTER IV

The fourth part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe, and to a discussion of the evidence in support of each of them.

CHAPTER V

The fifth part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe, and to a discussion of the evidence in support of each of them.

CHAPTER VI

The sixth part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe, and to a discussion of the evidence in support of each of them.

CHAPTER VII

The seventh part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the origin of the universe, and to a discussion of the evidence in support of each of them.

Bureau of Public Roads

How it our modern life would mar
Had we bad roads for our motor car.
No worry, these are the folks who garner
The knowledge that makes our roads an honor.

Weather Bureau

'Tis the task of this staff to gather
All information on the weather.
With all this lore to make him wise
The weatherman makes such prophecies.

Durbin ~~Readers' Department~~

To this staff is given the onerous task
To answer the questions all readers ask.
They're crammed full of answers that right on the spot
A query releases as quick as a shot.

Loan Desk

The harried folks who lend the books,
Yet never show it by their looks
How much the words their spirits burn,
So oft repeated, "Please return."

Catalog Division

It can't be, as some say, the life of a DOG
To make good cards for the CAT-alog.
So that even "those who run may read"
There they can find the books they need.

Periodical Division

Over the files of a vast array
Of journals from home and from far away,
This goodly company works. They crave it.
Is't agriculture? Yes? They have it.

Bindery *Section*

This is the staff that prepares for binding
The books, and it takes a lot of grinding
To collate and gather the journals together
For binding snugly in buckram or leather.

Business Office

And here are those who order the books,
Keep the accounts - and their good looks -
Write the letters, and letters file,
And greet all visitors with a smile.

We gather here in this happy meeting
To exchange with "one and all" a greeting,
To have good feeling and fellowship,
And a glass of fragrant punch to sip
To drink to the health of our Librarian,-
May she long preside o'er these tomes agrarian.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

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April, 1933

Due to the moving of the Library into the South Building and delays in trying to "get settled", no staff meetings were held after May, 1932, until January, 1933. The first meeting of the year, on January 25, was a social one. Miss Pennington of the Office of Experiment Stations, wrote short rhymes characterizing the bureaus and divisions by means of which the staff members were introduced. Miss Barnett furnished punch and wafers for refreshment during the social time which followed the program.

The next staff meeting was held February 8 but there was no news letter or special program. An agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company was present to explain to those members who were interested the annuity plan recently worked out by the American Library Association.

At the meeting of the Library staff on April 28, Dr. E. V. Wilcox gave a very interesting talk on his recent trip to Cuba and Mexico (including Yucatan).

The Library is collecting a second set of the State experiment station publications to be filed in the Reference Room. All contributions will be thankfully received, especially anything published before 1920. Please notify Miss Bien, Reference Room, when sending any publications. It is intended to use this set for reference purposes but it is also to be drawn on when the first set is not available. In addition, it is being used for out-of-town requests when these can be filled by sending a single issue.

The main Library staff has organized a book club, each member contributing a book published recently, thus making the newer, hard-to-get books more readily available.

A representative group from the library staff attended the Columbian Library Association meeting at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, April 29.

Many staff members attended the annual dinner and meeting of the Agricultural History Society held at the Cosmos Club April 18. The election of Miss Barnett to the Executive Committee of the Society was announced at that time.

Two groups of students in library science recently visited the main Library, one in March and one in April. The first, from Pratt Institute, was in charge of Miss Josephine A. Rathbone, Vice-Director, and the other was from Hampton Institute in charge of Miss Florence R. Curtis, Director.

Miss Edna Swenson, Assistant at the Loan Desk, was married to Mr. James Suber on April 15. Several parties were given in her honor before her wedding. After a short honeymoon trip to Charleston, South Carolina, Mrs. Suber resumed her work at the Library. Her new home is at 3028 Porter Street, Northwest.

Miss Katharine Knoop of the Catalogue Division, is at the Episcopal Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital for a tonsilectomy performed April 27.

Mrs. Muriel Moncure and Miss Rachel Storer have both undergone operations for appendicitis recently but have now resumed their work at the Library.

The Library staff extends its sympathy to Mr. John Carr, of the Periodical Division, in the death of his father.

Arthur Housholder, messenger in the main Library, was at home for two days the last week in April suffering from the effects of a dog's bite.

In February Mr. Stanley M. Howe was appointed as Library Aid and Mr. Thomas W. Hynes as messenger in the main Library.

Mr. Charles E. Wright has been transferred to the Catalogue Division where he is taking the place left vacant by the resignation of Miss Leda Wadsworth. Mr. Daniel R. Moreland is filling Mr. Wright's former position as assistant in the Reference Room.

Mr. Gordon Dunthorne of the Dunthorne Galleries of this City, who is familiar with the work of the best botanical painters and specially interested in early color printing, recently spent a morning in our Folio Room. As the Department of Agriculture cannot compete with wealthy private collectors in the purchase of illustrated books and finds that inferior and sometimes even rather shabby copies serve every reference use, we do not brag a great deal about the art value of our collection. So it was particularly gratifying to see and hear Mr. Dunthorne's enthusiasm over some of the beautiful work he found here.

Several bibliographies have been added recently to the numbered mimeographed series of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. A list of these and of other bibliographies prepared in the Bureau is attached.

When the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering was separated from the Bureau of Public Roads its library was moved without a change being made in the Loan Desk charges. Miss Ruby Wilson, of the Catalogue Division of the main Library, spent several days recently checking over the material filed in the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering and making the necessary changes on the charge cards.

Miss Anne Elizabeth Hibbard of the Bureau of Home Economics, and Mr. Frank Hollister were married April 1 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The Office of Experiment Stations Library has lost two good friends through the retirement of Dr. Walter H. Evans, Chief of the Division of Insular Stations, and Mr. William E. Boyd, Assistant Botanist. Dr. Evans retired on February 1 and Mr. Boyd on February 28. Dr. Evans had been in the service of the Department forty-one years. Mr. Boyd entered the Office of Experiment Stations December 1, 1911. Both men are greatly missed by their associates and by every member of the library staff.

Miss Natividad Brodeth and Miss Presentacion Atienza, who have engaged in extension work in the Philippine Islands, were in the library of the Office of Experiment Stations recently, looking through the file of extension publications which they found very helpful. They are studying demonstration methods in extension work.

In looking over a Library of Congress galley proof recently it was noticed that the following publication was an adaptation of portions of Mr. T. Weed Harvey's Extension Service Handbook on Agriculture and Home Economics: Mexico. Secretaria de Agricultura y fomento. Oficina para defensa agricola. Principales plagas y enfermedades de los cultivos en la Republica Mexicana. 1930. Mr. Harvey is Assistant Chief of the Office of Cooperative Extension Work.

Miss Hull of the Office of Experiment Stations library, sailed from New York on March 18 to Kingston, Jamaica, and returned the latter part of the month. One evening recently she saw moving pictures of the trip taken by a friend on board ship who had a moving picture camera.

The general index to the Experiment Station Record, prepared by Miss Martha C. Gundlach, has been received from the printer. This last index covers the ten volumes 51-60 for the years 1924-1929. The new subject index with its 377 pages represents an exacting piece of work and is proving a time saver to the users of the Record.

The Bibliography of Plant Genetics (Cytology, Variation, Plant Breeding, to 1930), compiled in the Bureau of Plant Industry Library, was rushed to completion at the end of the fiscal year 1932 and submitted for publication but was not accepted. It has again been submitted and has been approved by the Office of Information for early publication. This bibliography represents the expenditure of much time by members of the Bureau library staff, particularly by Miss Warner. There are 10,156 entries, arranged by names of authors in alphabetical order, and followed by a quite full subject index. It is believed that with the help of the index this list will be useful in the plant breeding field.

"Use by outside agencies" might be termed the outstanding feature of the Bureau of Public Roads library during the past few weeks, with members of the staff of the Brookings Institution, especially, while "The American Transportation Problem" was in course of preparation for the National Transportation Committee and the National Highway Users' Conference, the most frequent visitors.

Recently three authors have called on the Bureau of Public Roads library for information - one from New York, who is writing a historical novel based on highway history; one from Cincinnati who wanted to use some historical information to lighten a book on a heavier subject; and the other a magazine feature story writer. The library also received two requests for information about transportation classification - one from the National Highway Users Conference and the other from the Classification Committee of the Special Libraries Association. Among visitors to the Library have been University of Maryland students who are writing their theses about highway subjects.

Bibliographies and Lists prepared in the Bureau of Agricultural
Economics Library under the direction of Mary G. Lacy,
Librarian

Barter and scrip in the United States; selected references. Compiled by the staff of the Library. 43 p. Feb. 1933 (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 40)

The domestic allotment plans for the relief of agriculture; selected references. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw. 48 p. Feb. 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 41)

Measures taken in foreign countries to relieve agricultural indebtedness. Compiled by A. M. Hannay, May Coult, and Lillian Crans. 57 p. March, 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 42)

Part-time farming; a brief list of recent references. Compiled by Esther M. Colvin. 20 p. February, 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 43)

Uses for cotton; selected references in the English language. Compiled by Mildred C. Benton under the direction of Emily L. Day, Library specialist in cotton marketing. Division of Cotton Marketing branch library. 43 p. Nov. 1932. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 44)

State measures for the relief of agricultural indebtedness in the United States, 1932 and 1933. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, Margaret T. Olcott, and Mary F. Carpenter. 64 p. March, 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 45)

Group and chain farming in the United States, January, 1930-March, 1933; with some references to group farming in foreign countries. Compiled by Esther M. Colvin. 28 p. March, 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography 46)

Periodicals received currently in the library of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Compiled by Vajen E. Hitz. 195 p. December, 1932.

Bibliographies of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics not compiled
by the library of the Bureau.

Farmers' response to price. A selected bibliography. Compiled by Oris V. Wells. 26 p. April, 1933.

References on the history of agriculture in the United States. Compiled by Everett E. Edwards. 11 p. Jan. 1, 1933. (A revision of the "History of agriculture in the United States..." issued Jan. 1, 1931, and of "General accounts and summaries of the history of agriculture in the United States" issued December 1, 1928, February 1, 1929, and August 1, 1930)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

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June, 1933

The June staff meeting was held on Saturday evening, the 3d of the month, at the beautiful country home of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Humphrey. The members of the staff arrived early enough to visit their lovely garden on the banks of Cabin John Run. Later, interesting lantern slides were shown by Dr. Humphrey of scenes in Canada and the western United States, and he also gave several readings, all of which were very much enjoyed. At the adjournment of the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Humphrey.

The Library has prepared a new edition of the Library classification which has just been sent to the printer. It is expected that it can be printed from this year's appropriation.

The main library has lost two members of its staff recently - Mr. Thomas W. Hynes, junior messenger, who left to accept a more lucrative position outside of the Government, and Mrs. Muriel W. Moncure of the Current Periodical Section. Mrs. Moncure will return later in the year.

Building operations which are imminent at the northeast corner of the South Building where connection with the next wing will be made, will necessitate the vacating of the corner rooms on the first floor occupied by Mr. E. E. Edwards and the agricultural history collections. Space for them will be provided in Room 1446-1448 (at present used as a conference room and for shelving a few books). Changes will be made in the map room (room 1436-1438), most of the cases being moved elsewhere so that space for conferences may be provided there. The basement rooms in the northeast corner must also be vacated and the newspaper files in these rooms are being moved into the basement corridor and into room 0043 in the basement, sacrificing our lunch room facilities. The Library file cases formerly in room 0043 have therefore been moved upstairs to room 1417 formerly occupied by Mr. Lynagh who now shares room 1411 with Miss Storer and Mrs. Mercier.

The main Library has already been obliged to put a few new sections in its temporary book rooms which have turned out not to be quite so temporary as was hoped a year ago when we moved. The sections, like the others, are of the simplest sort.

The Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, including the library of the Bureau, was moved May 31st to the second floor of wing 1 of Temporary Building C.

Mrs. A. P. Cunningham, Assistant Librarian of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, recently spent two weeks in the main Library and in some of the branch libraries, in order to become better acquainted with the resources of the Department, particularly current economic material.

Miss Alice Minchin, Librarian of the University College, Auckland, New Zealand, who has been studying at the University of Michigan during the last year on a fellowship from the Carnegie Corporation, visited the Library June 12th.

Dr. Nello Vian, of the Vatican Library, in company with Rev. Colman J. Farrell, St. Benedict's College Library, Atchison, Kansas, visited the Library on May 29. Dr. Vian has been studying during the past year at the University of Michigan Library School.

Dr. Walter Baur, Technical Assistant attached to the Marseilles office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, who spent two weeks recently in the United States, addressed the weekly staff meeting of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library on May 10. He spoke on the work of the Marseilles office and the crops and agriculture typical of the Mediterranean basin.

Dr. H. C. Taylor, formerly chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Mr. Wheeler McMillen, agricultural writer, were visitors in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library recently.

The Index to volume 6 of Agricultural Economics Literature is to be released soon by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library.

The following bibliographies in the Agricultural Economics series will be released shortly:

Rumania: A guide to official statistics of agriculture, population and food supply. Part I. An annotated list of official publications, compiled by A. M. Hannay. Part II. Methods of collection and analysis of official statistics, by J. D. Black and Constantin Ladas.

Farm mortgages in the United States; selected references to material published January, 1928-April, 1933, compiled by Katharine Jacobs.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics library has also prepared a 10-page typewritten list entitled "Trade agreements, a short list of references on efforts to stabilize industry by means of trade agreements". This may be borrowed for copying.

In the Office of Experiment Stations library the following selected lists of references have been compiled:

State extension publications on household purchasing Foods (with reference to foods and nutrition, food for children, food budgets, canning and preserving, and meal planning).

Informal bibliographies have been prepared in the Bureau of Public Roads on the following subjects:

Brick pavements
Municipal gasoline taxes
Traffic vibration
Tractive resistance.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

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October 1933

At the meeting of the library staff on October 27, talks were given by the following members of the staff who attended the American Library Association Conference in Chicago October 16-21: Miss Barnett, Miss Allen, Miss Colcord, Miss Colvin, Miss Feldkamp, and Miss Sherfy. Miss Bien also attended the Conference but had not returned to Washington at the time of the staff meeting.

The Periodical Division of the main Library has recently suffered two severe losses. Mrs. Lois B. Payson, who had been in the Library nearly two years, first in the Catalogue Division and recently in charge temporarily of the binding work, resigned on October 14 to become Librarian of the Montana State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Bozeman. Mr. Justin F. Winkle, assistant at the current periodical desk, resigned September 30 to go into radio work. He had been in the Library since 1927. Both of these members of the staff will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Muriel W. Moncure, who has been on furlough for several months, we are very glad to say, will return to her work in charge of the current periodical desk on November 1.

The continuation desk, in charge of Miss Hopper and Miss Huddle, which has been in the same room with the binding section, has been moved across the hall near the current periodical desk.

New pigeon hole cases for incoming and outgoing periodicals are now being made by the Shops. These will form a partition between the book delivery room and the periodical division. To make room for them the pigeon holes for books have already been moved nearer the loan desk room. The final arrangements for the periodical division cannot, however, be made until the new stacks are provided.

Since early summer the space designed for the Library stacks has been in use twenty-four hours a day by the Cotton Contracts unit of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and has been a very crowded and busy place. It has not interfered much with the library work, since the stacks have not yet been contracted for. We have hopes that the stacks will be installed before many months.

Three additional 60-drawer catalogue cases were procured during the summer for the expansion of the Public Catalogue. The cards have now been shifted by Miss Hegeman and it is probable that no further changes will be necessary for some time.

The publication of Agricultural Library Notes, which it was necessary to discontinue temporarily with the issue for June-October, 1932, v. 7, no. 6-10, was resumed with the July, 1933 number, vol. 8, no. 1. Although

it is now largely made up of lists, among which are several of those formerly issued in the Official Record. There is no reason why it cannot contain other material. It is therefore hoped that the bureaus will contribute not only lists and notes of bibliographies of interest to workers in the Department, but also articles and items of special interest to other agricultural libraries. We wish to make it as helpful as possible to both classes of readers.

Word was received from the Office of Information on September 30 that all binding work received after May 1, 1934, can probably not be paid for from this year's appropriation. Therefore, to obtain all the binding funds allotted to the Library this fiscal year it will be necessary to have all the binding prepared before that date. This means that a much larger number of volumes will have to be prepared regularly each month up to May 1. For this reason and because of arrears in binding due to lack of assistance in the summer months it was necessary to inaugurate an intensive binding drive. To assist in the work Miss Ruby Wilson of the Catalogue Division was detailed to the Binding Section for two weeks. Through the cooperation of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library the services of Mr. Shipley were also loaned to the Binding Section for about two weeks to help in preparing the economic material. Any help which other bureau libraries can give will be much appreciated. More binding is greatly needed and it would be most unfortunate to lose any of the funds available for this purpose.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

The biggest single job of the summer in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was the preparation of four bibliographies to be used in connection with the first court case testing the constitutionality of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Act. The first three were completed in 11-1/2 days, counting Saturday afternoons and Sundays, after the receipt of the original request. This could be accomplished only by the help of Mrs. Roberta Watrous and Miss Janice Brown of the main Library, Miss Rachel Lane of the Cotton Marketing Branch library, and Mrs. Wheeler of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, as well as nine typists in addition to the Bureau library staff. Everyone worked overtime, and intensely. With the additional help it was possible to complete the following bibliographies:

Agricultural relief; a selected and annotated bibliography.

327 p. Mimeographed.

Business and agriculture, 1920-1933; a partial bibliography of material on the dependence of business on agriculture.

50 p. Typewritten.

Farmers' strikes and riots in the United States, 1932-1933.

30 p. Typewritten.

The Agricultural Relief bibliography was issued without an index in a limited edition. The index is now nearly completed and it is planned soon to reissue the bibliography in the Agricultural Economics Bibliography series. Business and Agriculture is being revised and enlarged and when it is issued in a series it will be about 200 pages in length, almost four times its

original size. The list on Farmers' Strikes and Riots is also to be expanded when the situation becomes more settled and when there has been ample time for the major strikes to have been written up in the monthly and quarterly popular and literary magazines.

The fourth bibliography prepared in connection with the court case, which has been postponed until August 21, is entitled:

Unfair practices in the marketing of agricultural products. 13 p. Typewritten.

This was prepared and typed between four o'clock Friday afternoon and noon on Saturday.

In addition to these bibliographies turned out under pressure, the following have been issued by the Bureau library since the last staff meeting:

Farm mortgages in the United States; selected references.
Compiled by Katharine Jacobs. Jan. 1928-April, 1933.
May 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 47)

Price analysis; selected references on supply and demand curves and related subjects. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, Jan. 1928-June 1933. Sept. 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 48)

Rumania; a guide to official statistics of agriculture, population, and food supply. Oct. 1933. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 49)

A short mimeographed list not in the Agricultural Economics Bibliography series has recently been issued. It is entitled "Measures of major importance enacted by the 73d Congress, 1st Session, March 9 to June 16, 1933." Compiled by Vajen E. Hitz. In addition to the bibliographies noted above the following typewritten lists have been compiled during the summer:

List of publications by Howard R. Tolley including those of which he is joint author. 7 p.

Some references to statistics of production of silk, cocoons, mulberry trees, and rice in Japan by prefectures and provinces. 5 p.

Articles by Sidney Cross Harland, Geneticist, Cotton Research Station, Empire Cotton Growing Corporation, Trinidad.
Compiled by Mildred C. Benton. May 10, 1933. 4 p.

Cotton classification; selected list of references. Oct. 19, 1933. 2 p.

Cotton grades and grading; selected list of references.
Oct. 19, 1933. 3 p.

Cotton grades and grading; selected list of references.
Oct. 19, 1933. 3 p.

Ramie; some recent references to the literature. Compiled by Mildred C. Benton. Sept. 15, 1933. 2 p.

The library of the Bureau feels very proud of the fact that the Oberly Memorial prize for the best bibliography in the field of agriculture and the related sciences has been awarded to Miss Louise O. Bercaw and Miss Esther M. Colvin for their bibliography entitled "Bibliography on the marketing of agricultural products" which was published in December, 1932, as Miscellaneous Publication No. 150 of the Department.

The Division of Cotton Marketing Branch Library has on exhibition a cotton stalk showing four- and five-lock bolls in various stages of maturity.

Compilation of a Cotton Classers' Manual has recently been undertaken in the Division of Cotton Marketing and the library has assisted in the preliminary work. Need for such publication has long been felt.

Mrs. Ruth Winn Spencer, who assisted at the periodical desk in the Division of Cotton Marketing library is no longer with the Division.

The staff is glad to welcome back to her work Miss Lillian Crans, who was away for more than a month on account of illness.

Miss Mary Hall has undertaken work in the correspondence division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, having left the library the latter part of August.

Miss Vajen Hitz and Miss Flora Wilson had to vacate room 3403 on short notice early in August to permit the boring of holes in the ceiling and floor in preparation for the mail tube. Miss Hitz is now located in room 1041. The legislative reference files have also been moved into that room. After waiting for more than two months for the work in the tube room to be finished permission was obtained to occupy the room until the workers should come to finish their work. Miss Wilson is now using it and certain files have been deposited there also.

Bureau of Chemistry Library

The "Chamber of Horrors" exhibit of the Food and Drug Administration is attracting many visitors, among the most distinguished of whom have been Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter, who were escorted by Dr. Tugwell. This exhibit may be seen at any time on the fourth floor of the Chemistry Building. It presents some of the current abuses the public is suffering as a result of antiquated and inadequate laws on foods, drugs and cosmetics and their advertising. S1944; the new Food, Drugs and Cosmetics bill, prepared by the Department of Agriculture, was introduced at the end of the last session of Congress by Senator Copeland and will come up at the next Congress. The work of acquainting the people all over the country with the provisions and the necessity for such an act is bringing heavy pressure on all branches of the Food and Drug Administration. The Chemistry Library has felt this, both in increased demands, particularly in the periodical work, and in the curtailment of staff. For over a month its Library Aid was assigned to special Food and Drug work all of the time and during the last two months he has been working for the library from two to four-thirty only.

Bureau of Entomology Library

Dr. Marlatt, upon his recent retirement as Chief of the Bureau of Entomology, gave to the Bureau library much of the material in his personal collection of books and pamphlets on entomology.

Miss Hawes has accomplished the revision and bringing up-to-date of her useful bibliography on the effect of light on insects.

Many of the new Bureau publications which are now going through the press have extensive bibliographies. One with 80 references and another with 179 references have recently been sent to the Bureau library for verification.

Dr. L. O. Howard, former Chief of the Bureau, is again a most welcome visitor to the library.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

In order to make room for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Office of Experiment Stations surrendered fifteen units of room space the latter part of July. In the adjustment of the remaining space, the library gave room to Dr. W. A. Hooker and Miss Martha Gundlach. The latter part of August more space was required by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and as a consequence the entire Office of Experiment Stations, with the exception of the library, was moved to the second floor of Building C.

Mrs. Edith J. Webb, in charge of the state agricultural extension publications, was furloughed on August 1, in accordance with the married women's clause under the Economy Act.

The following typewritten lists of references have recently been compiled in the library.

Gardening. 4 p. (Includes references on landscape gardening, rock gardens, roses, shrubs and perennials)

Pork and pork products. 2 p.

House decoration and furnishing. 3 p. Supplementary list.

Home grounds. 2 p. Supplementary list.

Forest Service Library

The position of librarian in the Forest Service, left vacant by the death of Miss Stockbridge last December, has just been filled by the transfer of Miss Helen Moore from the Forest Service regional library in San Francisco. Miss Moore is a graduate of the University of Washington. She served in the University library and has spent two and a half years in the San Francisco office. Before taking up her regular duties in the Forest Service she is working for a short time in the main Library to familiarise herself with the general resources and records of the Library.

Bureau of Public Roads Library

Two bibliographies have recently been released by the Bureau of Public Roads library:

1. Roads in the Tennessee Valley; references to material found in the Library, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. By Mildred Wilson. Sept. 1933. 86 p. Typewritten.
2. Selected list of books and periodicals on road and bridge construction. Compiled in the Library, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. July 24, 1933. 15 p. Mimeographed.

The first bibliography was compiled at the request of the Tennessee Valley Authority. It is arranged by states, and under each state, by subjects, as follows: General, administration, finance, history, location, road materials, reports, roadside developments, value.

The second bibliography is a revision of a bibliography that is used to answer the many requests that come to the Bureau for information relative to the best books on the construction of roads and bridges. It was originally compiled a number of years ago and has been revised several times. Formerly it consisted merely of four sections covering periodicals, books, catalogues, publishers. In this revision, the books are classified as follows: Highway construction, highway materials, structures, general.

This issue of the Newsletter was in charge of Miss Emily L. Day, Librarian, Division of Cotton Marketing, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The next issue will be in charge of Miss Janice S. Brown, main library.

The next staff meeting will be held on November 17 in the main Library, Room 1052. Program Committee: Miss Emily L. Day, Chairman, Miss Janice Brown, and Miss Minerva G. Beckwith.

Dr. A. C. de Vooy, Assistant in Human Geography at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, is spending some time in Washington. He is utilizing the facilities of the Bureau library in studying the problems of land utilization.

The following typewritten lists have recently been prepared in the Division of Cotton Marketing Library:

The cotton industry in South American countries. 6 p.

Cotton - commercial classification. Selected list of references. 6 p.

Bureau of Plant Industry

The National Horticultural Magazine, v. 12, no. 3, July, 1933, p. 179-216, contained an article by Marjorie F. Warner and H. B. McKay (formerly agent, Bureau of Plant Industry) entitled "Historical sketch of tulip mosaic or breaking. The oldest known plant virus disease". A search of literature shows that this disease has probably existed ever since the tulip was first introduced into European gardens, over 350 years ago.

Bureau of Public Roads

Striking and tangible evidence of the value of library research was shown in the model of the Old Appian Way on exhibit in the Bureau of Public Roads Library the first week in November. This model was prepared by the Exhibits Section of the Bureau for permanent exhibition at the Museum of Science and of Industry in New York. It represents the results of two years of research on the part of members of the Exhibit Section, most of which was done at the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution. The model was 3 feet long and 4 feet wide. It represented a portion of the old Appian way, the Romans' finest road, showing at one end the completed road and the life upon the road in 312 B. C.; at the other, the unfinished road in process of construction. Effort was made to have the exhibit historically correct down to the most minute detail. Something over two days was spent by a specialist at the Smithsonian Institution in determining the proper color to use in painting the wheels of the carriages. For this reason the exhibit is valuable in showing the physical characteristics, dress and customs of the people as well as the road itself. Additional copies of the model will be completed as soon as possible, one of which will form a part of the transportation exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution.

The cooperation of the Bureau Librarians is earnestly requested in supplying to Miss Ethel E. Smith, Main Library, at the beginning of each month, notes of bibliographies and any other items suitable for inclusion in Agricultural Library Notes.

This issue of the Newsletter was in charge of Miss Janice S. Brown, of the main Library. The next issue will be in charge of Miss Minerva G. Beckwith, Librarian, Bureau of Chemistry.

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At the meeting of the Library staff on November 17, a very interesting and instructive talk was given by Dr. P. B. Dunbar, Assistant Chief of the new Food and Drug bill now before Congress.

The annual dinner meeting of the Regional Group of Cataloguers and Classifiers of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia will be held at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, on December 9, 1933, at 6 p. m. The program will be as follows: Dr. George Dobbin Brown, "Welcome and Chat on Library Catalogues"; Mr. Louis H. Dielman, "Ramblings of a Librarian." The dinner, the price of which will be \$1.25, will be preceded by a sightseeing trip through the new Pratt Library at 4:30. Those who wish to attend the meeting should notify Miss Mary Lou Williams, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland.

The next meeting of the D. C. Library Association will be held December 8, at the Admiral, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue. It will be preceded by a dinner, price \$1.00. Reservations should be made by December 7. The meeting will be an entertainment for the purpose of raising funds for the Association. Admission will be 50 cents. Reservations for the dinner can be made through Miss O. L. Evans, Librarian, Bureau of Public Roads.

Bids for the Library stacks are to be opened at the Treasury Department on December 1. It is hoped that the contract can be awarded soon.

The Library Conference room is in almost constant use for meetings in connection with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The Library Map Room is also in frequent use for small groups. To make it available for this purpose several of the map cases were moved last summer to the Reference Room.

Mrs. Edna S. Suber has been promoted to the position formerly occupied by Mrs. Lois B. Payson but is temporarily assisting at the Current Periodical Desk as Miss Melbourne's services have been drafted for a few months for binding work.

Miss Marion V. Voigt, who was formerly in the State Department Library, has been appointed to the vacancy made by Mrs. Suber's promotion and is assisting at the Loan Desk.

Miss Kathryne M. Stanford, Librarian of the Agricultural Library, Pennsylvania State College, visited the Library on November 8, 1933.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Louise O. Bercaw and Miss Esther M. Colvin, having won the Oberly Memorial Fund Prize for their Bibliography on the Marketing of Agricultural Products, have each received a check for \$50.00 from the American Library Association.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

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At the meeting of the Library staff on December 28, Dr. Hugo W. Alberts, former Director of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, gave an interesting and illuminating talk on agricultural conditions in Russia, where he spent the past six months.

The welcome news has just been received that the contract for building the Library stacks has been awarded to Sneed & Company, the lowest bidder. The stacks will probably be ready for use in five or six months. Information has also been received that the Public Works Administration has granted the Library's request for an allotment of funds to build two additional passageways into the stacks, one on the east side to connect the stacks with the Periodical Division, and the other on the west side to connect the stacks with the Reference Room.

Under a project entitled "Rehabilitation of Books", funds have been allotted to the Library by the Civil Works Administration for the employment of twelve workers, namely, Mrs. Eva W. Chadbourne, Miss Margaret Dimond, Miss Lynda Edwards, Miss Margaret E. Finegan, Miss Regina FitzGibbon, Miss Bernice Prince, Mrs. Virginia Smithson, Mrs. Mary M. Stout, Miss Mabel White, Mr. Joseph Chavez, Mr. Charles F. Grange, and Mr. Thomas W. Wright. The work under this project consists of the cataloguing of the State experiment station publications, the reading of the shelves, the renovation of leather bound books now in bad condition, and the cleaning of the books on the shelves.

In the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library four workers appointed under Civil Works Administration funds, namely, Miss Alice P. Bray, Miss Ruth DeBerry, Miss Ida M. McIntosh, and Miss Esther K. Thompson, are carrying on a project entitled "Index to the Sources of Consumption Statistics".

Mr. James Elbert Wilson, messenger at the Loan Desk, resigned December 15 to accept a higher position in the Department of Justice. His position in the Library has not yet been filled.

Mr. Edward P. Cunningham, Library Aid in the Food and Drug Administration, has been transferred to the Library as a Minor Library Assistant, effective January 1, 1934.

A number of assistants from the main Library and the bureau libraries visited the new Enoch Pratt Free Library on Saturday afternoon, December 9, and also attended the annual cataloguer's dinner in the evening.

Miss Susan Grey Akers, Director of the Library School of the University of North Carolina, visited the Library during the holidays to make arrangements for having the Library School come in March.

Dr. Wolf-Isebrand Much, of Vienna, recently visited the main Library. Dr. Much is in this country on a fellowship granted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and is studying at the University of Michigan Library School.

Miss Natalie Clark, formerly in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics stenographic pool, has been permanently assigned to the library of the Division of Cotton Marketing.

Temporary relief in the crowded condition of the Office of Experiment Stations book stacks has been afforded by the acquisition of some made-to-order shelves.

This issue of the Newsletter was in charge of Miss Minerva G. Beckwith, Librarian, Bureau of Chemistry. The next issue will be in charge of Miss Mabel Colcord, Librarian, Bureau of Entomology.
